

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS.**

Pending claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 14, which are independent, are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed and specifically on page 16. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

**II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,603,737 to Fukunaga, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Fukunaga") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,099,181 to Kitabatake (hereinafter, merely "Kitabatake").

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

“An image processing apparatus comprising:...

outputting means for having the still image data generated by said image processing means included in a packet...for outputting to a printing device...

**wherein said packet is outputted at regular intervals and said packet includes a capture command which indicates that said still image data is being transmitted.**” (Emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, Fukunaga relates to a data transmission system where an image providing device and a printer are directly connected by a 1394 serial bus, a command is sent from the image providing device to the printer, then a response to the command is returned from the printer to the image providing device. Image data is sent from the image providing device to the printer based on information included in the response. The printer converts the image data outputted from the image providing device into print data.

As understood by Applicant, Kitabatake relates to a printing control apparatus for controlling a printing process on recording media according to printing information input from a data processing apparatus received via a particular communication medium wherein the recording media are fed one by one to a printing mechanism and ejected out of the main part of a printer.

Applicant respectfully submits that Fukunaga and Kitabatake, taken either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, there is no teaching or suggestion of an image processing apparatus comprising outputting means for having the still image data generated by said image processing means included in a packet for outputting to a printing device, wherein said packet is outputted at regular intervals and said

packet includes a capture command which indicates that said still image data is being transmitted, as recited in independent claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 3, 5, 7, 9 and 14 are also believed to be patentable.

### **CONCLUSION**

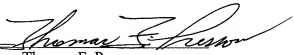
In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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